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In re application of: Davis, et. al. ) BARRIER DEVICE AND  
Continuation application of: ) METHOD FOR BUILDING  
Serial No.: 09/849,964 ) BARRIER WALL  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Applicant hereby submits the following preliminary amendment for the above referenced application.